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THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 27, 1873.

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VICE-PRESIDENT COLFAX offers his Washington property for sale and will return to Indiana after the 4th of March.

MISSOURIANS are exercised over their new Senator, a Mr. Boggy. If he isn't much Senator they say he is rich.

A BILL was offered in the Senate of the Tennessee Legislature, on Monday, by Senator Jones, of Davidson, providing for an additional hospital for the insane, to be located in East Tennessee.

AFFAIRS in Spain appear distressingly uncertain and very much confused. A struggle is going on, and no one can tell whether the government is to be a Republic or a Monarch. The sympathies of the American people are, of course, with the Republicans.

FROM now until after the inauguration, Washington will be a crowded city. Hundreds arrive on every train. The hotels are filling up rapidly and before the close of this week a room in a hotel will be hard to get. The extreme cold weather of Monday (7 degrees below zero) was not very inviting to pleasure seekers.

THE Press and Herald, of yesterday, gives its readers "A Solid Lesson to Study," the effect of which is in opposition to levying a tax for the support of common schools. It is so anxious to present a "bug-bear" with which to scare tax payers, that it speaks of the State tax now as being sixty cents when in fact it is only forty cents on each hundred dollars of taxable property. It volunteers advice relative to the "perpetual hindrance to prosperity," brought about by heavy taxes, &c.

If the Press and Herald is opposed to the State levying a common school tax, why don't it come out and say so?

THE Nashville correspondent of the Courier-Journal comes to the aid of Gov. Brown, in his pet scheme for funding the entire State debt, including "all well ascertained liabilities." The Governor has manifested quite an interest in this matter. We have been informed from a reliable source, that at least one of the funding bills offered in the Senate was in the handwriting of his private Secretary. He is exceedingly anxious to distinguish his administration by something or other, and not knowing what else, he has hit upon this plan. It is so ridiculous to think of funding the entire debt, unmatured as well as matured bonds and over due interest, that a school boy could not be persuaded to defend it. The Legislature will not be inveigled into the support of such folly, even to prop the decaying fortunes of a declining politician. We trust and believe that body will do what is just to our creditors by funding matured bonds and past due coupons. If the policy of the Governor is carried out, it is giving him a carte blanche to fund whatever his friends persuade him he ought to fund, and the Legislature will not confer any such powers on any one man.

Intro. "TAME PEOPLE."

Mr. J. B. Johnson, in his unique lecture at the Board of Trade rooms on Tuesday evening, said a great many good things. His remark about detesting "tame people" was abrupt, not framed to tickle the ears of his audience and not so intended, but there is a great deal in it. The ears of Knoxville have been tickled too much already; so much that they are too willing to sit still on the stool of do-nothing, and wait for Providence to make them rich. When nature endowed us with our rich mines of iron, coal, copper, marble, zinc, &c., our fertile lands, our pure mountain streams, our salubrious climate, (this last doesn't apply just now) and many other advantages too tedious to mention, it was not intended that we should sit still, yawn and grow rich without knowing how. The history of our race, from the time Adam partook of the forbidden fruit to the present, proves, even if it had not been so stated in Holy Writ, that man must "earn his bread by the sweat of his brow." Intelligent labor, directed by activity and energy, is the key to wealth, and he who seeks that coveted boon in any other way is likely to die a disappointed bankrupt. It is not the most highly favored sections of our country that are the wealthiest and most prosperous. Yankee energy and enterprise makes the sterile soil of New England, with its inhospitable climate, bring forth fruit an hundred fold. What is the difference between New England and Tennessee? Providence has favored us in every way, and we have relied on Providence for all we need. The New Englanders understand that while nature may favor them, they are not released from the responsibility of laboring for themselves.

Our "tame people" in Tennessee and other Southern States ought to realize by this time that nature will not do all for them. They have been laboring under a delusion, and unless they awake soon, they will be surprised when they do awake, to find that they are so far behind the age.

Let us wake up, then, and begin to make a noise. Don't be afraid of unfavorable criticism, even if we should go busting through the world in an honest endeavor to gain what we have lost by sleeping, while our northern, eastern and western neighbors have been wide awake and hard at work. There is no harm in one "blow-

ing one's own horn" if one has something to blow about. Let us "blow" about what we have and even if we should be characterized as "blow-hards" by some of the "slow coaches" who always oppose modern innovations because their "daddies" did things in a certain way, it will not hurt us.

This fair Southern country can not always belong to drones. Unless we exhibit more public spirit, more energy and enterprise, and infuse a spirit of enterprise into our children, the day is coming when an enterprising people will control this country and we can't help it. These are not pleasant reflections, but truth is none the less powerful because it happens to be unpleasant. Let us redeem our character by immediately going to work and working with a will. "Where there is a will there is a way," and that way will soon be plain to us.

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